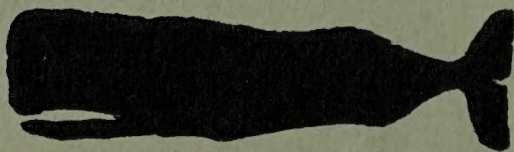


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Schooner Mattie, E. Smith, of Edgartown
 Sailed from Edgartown June 9th 1881
 Captⁿ Benjamin F. Nickerson Master
 on a Whaling Voyage at 9-30 A.M.
 Rev^d Cutter towed us to outer Bay off Cape Poge
 Made all sail Wind ENE light Rain, at
 11 off Muskeget at noon Pilot left Land 12
 miles off

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Friday June 10th

Fresh Breeze from Eastward Rainy weather
 Course S.S.E. Saw several sails at 4 P.M. Saw
 a Dead Humpback Whale, all hands employed
 Breacking out Provisions & making all snug
 at 6 Chose & set wetches at 7 put 2 reefs
 in Main Sail thick Rainy weather wind
 hawling to the South mid night saw a Bark
 Steering West at 7 A.M. Wind S.S.E. Course
 by the wind to S.W. employed fitting Boats
 Saw one sail

Lat 46° 39'-40 North

Long 69° 56 West

Saturday June 11th

Fresh Part Strong breeze from South Course
 By the wind to W.S.W. thick weather, Fitting
 Boats &c at 7 P.M. wind S.W. tacked
 Ship to S.S.E. at 9 heading S by E Latter Part
 light breeze course S; Saw 2 sails

Lat 38° 35 North

Long 67° 35 West

Sunday June 12

Calm, some swell from South Wet decks &c
 employed fitting Boats &c 3 P.M. took in all sail
 But gale through Night same at 4 A.M. breeze
 from S.E. Made sail at Noon heading S.S.W.
 Saw a Steamer heading Eastward
 Saw a Bark heading N.W. Saw a dead
 Buttock floating on the water
 Rainy weather No observation

Schooner Hattie & Smith Edgartown
Monday June 13th

Thick Rainy Weather Wind S' E Course
S. S. W. struck a Porpoise. Fitting Boat &c
through Night Raining Wind variable lowered
down sails saw one vessel at daylight fresh
breeze from S. W. Course S' E put new Chock
on Bow Boat &c at 10 A.M. saw a sail
steering to Northward

Lat 36° 33 North
Long 66° 18 West

Tuesday June 14th

Strong breezes from S' W Course S' E
Put 2 Reefs in Main sail Boat on
upper Cains Crew variously employed
with Ships duty dolt out Tobacco
mid and latter parts Strong breeze
from S. W. to S. S. W. Course S' E to S' E
Rough sea & wet decks at 4 some
Rain

Lat 35° 52 North
Long 63° 00 West

Wednesday June 15th

Strong breezes from S. S. W. Course S' E by E
Main sail Fore sail gibs & Flying jib set
saw one sail to South mid & latter
parts Wind & weather course about
same set Gaff topsail & took it in
employed fitting Boat &c

Lat 34° 38 North
Long 59° 30 West

Thursday June 16th

Strong breezes from S' W Course S' E by E
to S. S. E at 4 P.M. saw a Schooner steering
N. N. E. Chase Boat crews Run & coiled lines
&c mid & later parts Strong breeze from
S. W. by W Course S. S. E under Courses
gibs &c employed fitting Boat &c at
7 A.M. saw a Bark steering N E

Lat 33° 22 North
Long 57° 20 West

Capt. Benjamin Nickerson Master. 1881

Friday June 17th

Commences with fresh breeze from WSW Course
S by E at 4 P.M. Clost Reeft Main Sail and
took Bonnet off jib. Raining Weather mid &
latter part squally Course S by E fitting
Tri Works &c

Lat 32° 08 North
Long 54° 56 West

Saturday June 18th

Fresh breeze from SW, By W, Schooner heading
to the South Raining Weather Working on Boats
at dark took in Fore Sail lay by the wind Southern
tack Latter Part Raining tacked to Westward
Crusing Breaking out Ship for candles &c

Lat 31° 25

Sunday June 19th Long 55° 34

Fresh Breeze from SW, Crusing under Easy Sail
at dark took in Fore Sail rough sea wet decks
and Boats Schooner heading Westward Broke out
After Hole for Boat Knives & Candles did not
find them latter part Rain Squalls & Calms
Rough S by E, Triggling on Steering Apparatus &c
No observations

Monday June 20th Cloudy

Commences with Cloudy Raining Rough Weather
Wind from SW to W, Saw one Sail from Masthead
Sewed several Rips in Main Sail Repaired
Bow Boat made line cover &c, At dark
Steering & By S mid and latter part
Steering Same Saw a Steamer to South
and Porpoises Rough Weather

Lat 31° 30 North

Tuesday June 21st Long 54° 02 West

Fresh breeze from SW Course E by S
latter part moderate Gale from SW hove to
under Fore Sail lashed Water But got out
Water Saw a Dolphin fitted Trawl &c
Raining Weather & Seas coming aboard
from all quarters

No lett &c

Schooner Hattie & Smith Edgartown
Wednesday June 22nd

Commenced with strong S.W. gales &
Rainy weather lying under Fore sail
heeding S.S. & Rough Sea at 3 P.M.
Took in Fore sail & set Try sail to
Main, & will saw Gull weed
Latter part stoped Scuppers & commenced
to Brake out after haul for Boet Knives
made some sail course S By E

Lat 31-55 North

Thursday June 23rd Long 50-44 West
moderate breeze from W.S.W. some Rain
Course S By E at 3 P.M. S. at 8 P.M. knocked
off Braking out & took in Fore sail &
Flying jib heeding S. through Night
the same latter part made all sail
smooth weather Broke out Beef &c

Lat 31-09 North

Friday June 24th Long 50-23 West
light breezes from S.W. By W. fine weather
Course S By E all sail out at 5 P.M. lowered
to try the Boats at dusk took up Boats and
took in all sail & set the Fore & Main
Try sails At daylight made all sail
heeding S By E at 9 A.M. saw a Schooner
to North

Lat 30-41 North

Long 49-34 West

Saturday June 25th
light airs from S.S.W. Schooner heeding to
West ward at 3 P.M. Capt. Nickerson &
Boats crew went on Board Schooner
William A. Grozier. Roberts, Province Town,
Allen. at 10 gave up the game
Latter part light Breeze from S.S.E. made
all sail standing to S.W. saw several sails

Lat 30-28 North

Long 50-01 West

Benjamin Nickerson Master, 1881
 Sunday June 26th

Light Breezes from SE to ESE Ship heading to SW
 Saw 4 Schooners one cutting & 2 manouevring for
 Whales saw Porpoises at dark took in all sail & set
 main Triesail, heading to the Southward, at daylight made
 all sail light breeze from SE Steered off to SW
 Saw a large Merchantman & 2 Whaling Schooners
 Some light Rain & squalls

Lat 29=40 North

Monday June 27th

Long 50=30 West

Moderate breeze from SE, Schooner heading ESE
 by the wind, 3 sails in sight at dark put on the
 Triesails, latter part made sail. Crewed
 to Westward saw 2 sails from mast head
 Broke out water made cooler cover &
 Antone Lonlar Boat steerer, off Duty Sick
 Joseph Sylva Boy Ben Sick all the time
 Since leaving home

Lat 30=28 North

Tuesday June 28th

Long 50=28 West

Light breezes from SW. Cruising off to Westward
 At 4-30 P.M. Wore ship to SSE & cut a hole through
 Bulk Head to give the men some air, at dark
 took in fore sail set try sail, saw a bright
 Comet to the North last Night & to Night
 about 15 degrees above Horizon, Raining through
 the Night, latter part good weather Cruising
 to SE saw Brig & Schooner to South
 Crew variously employed

Lat 26=16 North

Wednesday June 29th

Long 49=59 West

Light breeze from WSW, Schooner heading
 various Courses Cruising at 4 P.M. saw Black
 fish going quick to Westward, lowered 2 Boats
 did not get past Black Schooner in sight
 Shortened sail heading South, (Comet N by N)
 Latter part light breeze from Westward
 zigzagging around Cruising saw 2 sails
 much employed fitting main boom &
 tapping lift blocks & pins in Bad order

Lat 30=25 North

Long 50=25 West

Schooner Hattie & Smith Edgartown
Thursday June 30th

Commenced with light air from Westward
courses North West and South East - saw
2 Whaling Schooners cruising at dark
Put her under Try sail heading S S E
Wind and latter part very light - variable
airs & calms set Fore sail and jib
Saw one sail from mast-head

Friday July 1st

Lat 30-15 North
Long 50-20 West
Commenced calm took in all sail Repaired
Main sail and Fore sail, making Paddles
Barking Poles Barking out haled all Bury.
Saw one sail to NW. Antone Lomher on
duty to day Latter part light breeze from
NW & steered off to NW saw one sail

Saturday July 2nd

Lat 30-34 North
Long 51-23 West
Light breeze from S S W Steered W. N. W.
to NW variously employed making
Paddles Tubs &c at dark shortened sail
Set Trysails latter part made all sail steered
NW then W & NW saw 2 sails broke out water &
cordage & towed some away Put in soap &c

Sunday July 3rd

Lat 31-05 North
Long 52-39 West
Moderate breeze from S S E Course NW all sail
had a time Barking out for Pork When we out ben
fitting for Whaling got through about 8 P.M. & took in
sail for the night good weather Comet in sight
to NW. Latter part steering to NW at 11 A.M.
saw sperm Whales long way off Breaching

Monday July 4th

Lat 32-24 North
Long 53-45 West
Moderate breeze from S W at one clock P.M. lowered
3 Boats for sperm Whales. Boats struck about 5 P.M.
Vtubored & Labord Boats got one each West Boat
struck & got foul with an other Whale & lost both
got them to the schooner about 8 P.M. Latter part
Commenced cutting Nothing Rized

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Bennamin F. Nickerson, Master 1881
Tuesday July 5th

Fresh breeze from South Ship heading ESE & Main
Trysail & Jib Cutt'ng got them all in at 5 P.M.
Through the Night Cutt'ng up Blubber &c
latter part commenced Boiling repairing Machine
fitting try gear &c some riced water coming over
both sides Blubber floating about decks, Cut up the junk
Lat 32-24 North

Wednesday July 6th Long 52-18 West
Fresh breeze from SW riced sea & thick weather
Lightning and Rain, Riced Trysail for Awining
over the Works, Salt water continually crossing decks
made out to Boil small Pots - lid and latter part
squally weather rough sea Machine gave out
fitted mincing Horses finished Boiling Heed
No. 08

Thursday July 7th
Strong breezes from SW riced weather
some Rain cloudy weather Ship heading SSE
Stale tack at 11 P.M. Finished Boiling Runy through
the Night & latter part - Washed off got out water
No observations

Friday July 8th
Light Breezes from SW and Plenty Rain from
Noon to 4 P.M. Cooped one cask Set Fore sail
at dark set Trysail, heading SSE & latter part
stiff breeze from South, steering to WSW Saw
a Schooner to the South made all sail
Got things ready for stowing oil made Hoys Cock
streamer for tubs Cask Swabs &c
Lat 31-57 North

Saturday July 9th Long 52-09 West
Wind strong from Southward Course SW by W all
sail, Schooner to the South Merchant man
Employed running down oil Ground Surport
hold as follows H 253, 169, 170, 210, 237, 169
2 Mlagh Casks finished stowing off, took in Sur for
the Night latter part fine weather Cruising
Westward, wind SW by S Employed making Port
dly for the Boats

Schooner Hattie & Smith Edgartown

Sunday July 10th

Moderate breeze from SSW Crusing Westward Nothing
seen at 4 P.M. Changed Bow for Stern Boat
Lowered to try the Boat &c at 9 P.M. set try sails
Mid & Letter Parts Calm Some swell from
Westward, Very warm,

Lat 32° 10' North

Monday July 11th

Long 52° 46' West

Calm Not weather at 3 P.M. light air from
NE set Fore Sail Saw New York Fish
lowered Lab Boat could not catch him
4 P.M. set main sail Steered NW. Saw a
sail to westward at dark set try sails Course
West - latter part Calms & light air Saw a
Ship to the NW

Lat 32° 15' North

Long 53° 30' West

Tuesday July 12th

Light Variable air & Calms at one P.M. Went on
Board Ship Reporter of Newbury Port Capt. Ward
22 days from New York Bound to San Francisco
with Quil Board Iron got 1/2 dozen Hooks & Thimbles
and some News Papers, at dark took in sail & set
Fore try sail Connect in sight Mid & Letter
part Calm Employed Stopping Blocks &c

Lat 32° 13' North

Wednesday July 13th

Long 53° 33' West

Calm Saw Grampasses & small fish
crew employed over hauling Blocks &c
at dark turned up Stern Boat set try sails
Threatning weather made all snug Latter Part
light breeze from SE & hove to SSW
Saw one Sail & Grampasses

Lat 32° 03' North

Long 53° 42' West

Thursday July 14th

light Variable breezes SSW to WSW all sail out
Cruising to Westward at dark set try sails
day light made sail 430 Saw 3 Spouts did
not see them again steering to the South
variously employed over Board & Dark
Pumped cask water

Lat 31° 20' North

Long 53° 30' West

Benjamin F. Nickerson Master, A.D., 1881.

Friday July 15th

Fresh Breeze from WSW vessel heading to the NW.
all sail at dark took in Top sails Fly Gibb & Main sail
Set Main Try sail mid & latter part fresh Breeze raised
some sea. made a New mast hinge for Lubber

Lat. 31-52 North

Saturday July 16th

Long 54-07 West

Fresh breeze WSW, Rough sea Steered by the wind
to S & NW. Cruising Saw porpoises at Night - Set
Try sails & gibb latter part squally plenty Rain
Saw a Merchant man to SW Broke out cork Breard

Lat 31-40 North

Sunday July 17th

Long 54-20 West

Moderate Breeze from WSW. All sail out by the wind
Cruising South & NW Bark in sight to SW. Washed
off one of the Head Pines lost it & nearly lost head
Rail all lose, at dark put on the Try sails heading
to the NW. latter part squally Rough sea Saw
a Brig heading to the South, Set the Fore sail &c

Lat 31-58 North

Monday July 18th

Long 55-20 West

Strong breeze & Rain squalls from SW to W. Schooner
heading to the NW. until 5 P.M. Wore to the South
took in Fore sail Set Try sail took up the Boats &
Bated down Hatches Rough sea thunder & lightning
latter part standing to NW rather more moderate
Set Fore sail Captn. Nickerson took out by hand
the last remaining Head Pine which was barely
hanging on Port side, we then lashed head
Rail which was also dangling about with one
end fast to the head, I was plunged all underwater
several times while putting on lashings. Saw
one Killer

Lat 32-00 North

Long 55-31 West

Tuesday July 19th

Strong breeze from SW heading to NW under
Fore sail Gibb & Try sail at 4 P.M. wore to South
latter part standing WNW took in Head
Rail Broke in 3 places got out Provisions
Some Rain squalls

Lat 31-27 North

Long 55-50 West

Schooner Hattie E Smith Edgartown

Wednesday July 20th

Commences Strong S'W Breezes & Rain squalls
Course to the NW at 3 PM Wore Ship &
steered S & set Main sail at 4 put 2 Reefs in
Main sail at 8 Carried away Flying jib saved
the pieces. Antone Lumber Ben Sick 3 days
of duty Manuel Lopes Sick with Venereal
through the Night Steered S & by E to E S E
latter part squalls of wind & Rain Raged

Lat 31-15 North

Thursday July 21st

Long 52-53 West

Strong breeze S'W Steering S & Fore sail
double reefed Main sail & jib 12-50 Saw
Black fish low areed 3 Boats did not see
them from the Boats Stove 2 Boats Caught
under the Hact of Davits. Sent in Flying
jib to Repair. at dark Wore ship to NW,
took in Main sail & jib and set Try sail
latter part standing to West ward. repaired
Pole & Bow Boats got out water

Lat 31-38 North

Friday July 22nd

Long 53-03 West

light breezes from S'W Course E to E S E
Cruising variously employed at dark
shortened sail took in Fore sail set Try sail
latter part Working West ward W to NW
repairing Flying jib set Fore sail
Saw one Seal

Lat 31-48 North

Long 53-46 West

Saturday July 23rd

Moderate breeze from S'W by S Course NW
Cruising Sailed one sail to S'W finished
Repairing Flying jib Bent it, at dark
took in Fore sail set Try sail Wore to S E
Wind & latter part wind & Weather much the
same steering to Eastward Cruising
variously employed with Ship's duty
Cleaned Try Pots try gear Irons &c
made 18/200 Box

Lat 31-56 North

Long 53-03 West

Benjamin T. Nickerson Master A.G. 1881
 Sunday July 24th

Under the breeze from SSW Course to SE at dark took in
 Tying jib & washed ship & mid part heading SE
 Latter part made all sail stured W by N wind SE Saw
 Porpoises Picked up a Warm Eaten Log, Saw a Brig
 heading to Eastward

Lat 31-48 North

Long 53-14 West

Monday July 25th

Light SE Breeze good weather, Course W by N all sail
 Saw a Bark to the South Steering Eastward at dark
 Set try sails heading up SSW, latter part heading
 Eastward all sail out At 6-30 A.M. Spoke
 Schooner Cygnus of Lunenburg N.S. Lumber
 laden Bound to Antigua West Indies. Steering S.W.
 Saw a sail to the North

Lat 32-09 North

Long 52-21 West

Tuesday July 26th

Pleasant wind SE Course E by N all sail at
 7 P.M. heading E by S Mid & latter parts ship on
 Eastern tack by the winds all sail out Repaired
 Main sail made Scrap Strainer &c Saw one sail
 to North

Lat 32-27 North

Long 51-21 West

Wednesday July 27th

Light airs from SE to SSE heading on Eastern tack
 with all sail out. Various employed Set up T.T. Rig
 Broke out provisions &c Mid part Wind variable
 Plenty Rain latter part light variable airs & Calms
 Course E to SW

Lat 32-11 North

Long 50-59 West

Thursday July 28th

Light Variable airs SE to NW & Calms Course ENE
 to SE Saw one sail to Eastward, Set up Boat Stays
 Broke out Water &c Mid & latter parts Plenty Rain
 Squally wind variable Saw a Schooner to the
 SW Whale man, Crew variously employed Ship dirty
 Remarkably smooth sea

Lat 31-48 North

Long 50-47 West

Schooner Hattie E Smith of Edgartown
Friday July 29th

Commences with light breezes from S.E. Smooth
Sea, Course E.N.E. & S by W one sail in sight
finished making & crep & trinner & all sail out
Saw dolphin, Cornit getting rather dim &
Raining some above the North Star through
the light & latter part standing to the
South saw 2 sails Lat 30-39 North
Long 50-09 West

Saturday July 30th

Fresh Breeze from E.S.E. Course N.E. two
Whale Men & one Merchant man in sight
Saw 11 gerines a kind of Black Fish
Saw a Schooner & speak a Merchant man
Run off some, at dark took in sail heading S.E.
Set Main Tysail at day light Wore ship to
N.E. at 9 A.M. Saw 2 Sails to Eastward
at noon set main sail Lat 31-55 North
Long 50-11 West

Sunday July 31st

Fresh breeze from Eastward ship heading
N.N.E. made all sail Saw a Bark to S.E.
Cutting saw 2 Sails at dark took in mainsail
Latter part light breezes from N.E. Steered
S.S.E. saw 2 Sails Lat 30-30 North
Long 50-01 West

Monday August 1st

Commences with moderate breezes from North
to N.N.W. & steered W at 3 P.M. Spoke & sent
Boat for papers Schooner S. C. Noyes of New
Buryport 12 days from Boston Bound
to Cayman with general Cargo at 4 P.M.
Spoke & carried with Bark Bartholomew
Tob mold, Port, of New Bedford, 3 months out
Clear, at 8 P.M. took in mainsail & set Tysail
Raining heading up N.E. by N latter part strong
breeze from N to N.N.W. steered to
Westward saw Bark Garrison standing
Eastward

Lat 31-50 North
Long 50-00 West

Benjamin F. Nickerson Master A.D. 1881

Tuesday August 2nd

Commences with strong N & breeze & some swell
Schooner heading N.N.W. Fore sail jib & Try sail
at sundown wore ship to E ast-ward took in Fore sail
set Fore Try sail latter part steering S.E. & one
Bark in sight made Hoops for Topmasts &c
Lat 31° 30' North

Wednesday August 3rd

Long 50° 42' West

Fresh breeze from N & steered S.W. to N.W. crying
saw one Bark to N.N.W., at dark took in Fore
sail set Try sail through night heading N.W.
at day light - made sail steered S.E. by S. Bark
Bartholomew Esq. mold in sight to North
saw White Water at 9 A.M. but saw no more
Lat 30° 50' North

Thursday August 4th

Long 50° 48' West

Fresh breeze from N & & broken weather Course
S.E. by S. all sail set at dark took in all but jib
& set 2 Try sails, left to wind S.E. & latter part
made sail steering N by E wind fresh from
E.N.E. set up Main Rizen &c Caught 2 Dolphin
Lat 30° 43' North

Friday August 5th

Long 50° 18' West

Fresh Breeze E.N.E. standing S.E. variously employed
with ship's duty at dark tacked to N.N.E. took in
all but Main Try sail & jib latter part made
all sail rather more moderate employed fitting try
marks &c
Lat 31° 20' North

Long 50° 35' West

Saturday August 6th

Squally weather wind N.E. to E.S.E. at 4 P.M.
saw a Brig steering South, took in light sails
at 5 P.M. Parted Mastingle back chum-shaker
& set it up again set Main Try sail took Bonit
off jib furled Fore sail mid & latter part plenty
Rain thick weather set Fore sail & flying jib
Broke out Breech &c Wind E.N.E. Schooner
heading to the North
Lat 32° 00' North

Long 50° 37' West

Schooner Hattie & Smith of Edgartown
Sunday August 7th

Commences with Fresh breeze from E N E &
Rainy weather Schooner heading to the North
at 7 P.M. Fair weather Saw a Bark steering
W By N Merchant man, at dark wore Ship to
S by E with Fore sail & Main Try sail Set
Latter part heading S to S S E made sail Wing
& S E

Lat 31° 23' North
Long 49° 44' West

Monday August 8th

Moderate breeze and good weather, heading
S by E by the wing at dark tacked to N Shortened sail
at day light made sail steered S W Saw a Schooner
to S W at 11-30 A.M. parted Main Top gallant stay
Made a new one off 2 in Manila Cordage

Lat 30° 33' South

Tuesday August 9th

Long 49° 46' West Chro 95 out

Moderate breeze E S E good weather, steering South
At 1-30 P.M. Spoke & gammed with Schooner William
Wilson Hammond 13 months out from Marion
190 Bbls. at sun down gave up the gam took in
sail for the night heading S Saw a Schooner
to leeward S W. no Fore sail set, at 9 P.M. set
Fore sail through the night squally latter part
strong breeze hazy weather at 10 A.M. W. Wilson
out of sight a stern Broke out Reef

Lat 29° 20' North

Wednesday August 10th

Long 49° 53' West

Strong breeze from E S E at 1230 tacked to N E
Buckling out hold to see what we could find
at 5 P.M. set Main sail set up flying jib gages
latter part strong breezes & squally from S S E
tacked to Eastward rugged weather

Lat 29° 54' North

Thursday August 11th

Long 50° 49' West

Strong breeze & Rugged weather S S E Schooner
heading E by N double Reefed Main sail Fore sail
& jib latter part more moderate Set
Whole Fore & Main sails steering E N E
Making Mast hoops & Spade Pole &c

Lat 30° 54' North

Long 49° 11' West

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Friday August 12th

Moderate breeze from S & Course E N E Tossed Main sail
jib & Fly jib at 4 P.M. sent West Boat to a Brig to
get his Longitude which was $48^{\circ}36'$ West did not get the
Name of Brig called them French men, at dark Put
Schooner under jib & Main try sail latter part all
sail out good weather Mending, Spade Poles & repairing
mast hoops &c

Lat $31^{\circ}50'$ North

Long $48^{\circ}18'$ West

Saturday August 13th

Light breeze from S E, good weather, Course N E by E
all sail crew variously employed Broke out water
at dark Main try sail & jib out heading E N E
at daylight wore to S made all sail good weather
but no whales, Broking out-hold for Pork & Flours 3rd time
Found Pork one Cask 4 Bbls But No Flours

Lat $31^{\circ}53'$ North

Sunday August 14th

Long $48^{\circ}07'$ West

Wind S E by E Pleasant weather, S E heading S to S by W
all sail out at dark Main try sail & jib set
through Night heading S W at daylight made
Fore sail Steered S W by W

Lat $32^{\circ}22'$ North

Monday August 15th

Long $48^{\circ}13'$ West

Fresh breeze S E Steered N N W made all sail
at dark took in all But jib latter part steering
to S W Repaired Fore gaff top sail

Lat $30^{\circ}29'$ North

Tuesday August 16th

Long $49^{\circ}58'$ West

Fresh breeze from S E Course S W. all sail at
4 P.M. passed Bark Johanne & changed
Long. took her longitude $49^{\circ}30'$ West

at dark took in all sail except jib & Main try sail
latter part set Fore sail Steered N W. at noon
took in Fore sail kept the jib & strong Squalls
from E S E Breeze weather employed
fitting Bow Boat Cranes

Lat By Guess $30^{\circ}10'$ N

Long Chron $51^{\circ}06'$ W

Schooner Mattie E Smith Edgartown
Wednesday August 17th

Strong Breezes Rain & Rugged weather from
E S E Steered North Main Try sail & Kept
gill set, at dark came to wind Stake tack
J V & Mack all snug a Dozable at 4 A.M
Blowing strong hauled down gill and Bobbed
it 3 hanks out lowered Main Try sail & made
it small as we could, look sails & Carrot of the Boat
at 7:30. Blowing a Hurricane Mast & Bow Bunt
filled with water & Broke to pieces taking one Davit
& unhanging 2 Bearers Fore Boat soon followed
Schooner nearly on Beam Ends decks full
Water & water enough in hold to float Chest
in Steerage hauled down Try sail vessel did
not right Captain ordered the Masts cut away
Main Mast Broke about 10 feet above deck Fore Mast
Tripped from the step tore up the deck on Starboard
from Wind lay to Try works about 20 feet square
Schooner Rotted cut some holes in hull works made a
drag of cutting Stage gill & Flying gill Bunt
Main Boom Broke in the middle Stern Boat Picked
up (we cut her adrift to save the stern which is
badly shattered about 8 A.M we lost the masts wind
N E, at 12 a little more moderate Pumping clearing
the deck

Thursday August 18th

we came from N E to N W Steered Cut off Fore Mast & got
the Foot on deck got the water out and Cole from
Pump about 5 P.M got some thing to Eat Stopped
the Hole in the deck best we could with lumps
& Sails better part Rough Sea Schooner rolling
Back by wind 15 or 20 But Moderate lashed
a part of Main Boom to Stump of Main
Mast for jury mast took in peace gill Boom
Clearing deck &c

Lat 30:46 North
Long 51:43 West

Benjamin F. Nickerson Master A.D. 1881

Friday August 19th

light Breezes from S.W took in drag fitted rig to gary mast set two Boat sails. picked up some things belonging to Lab Boat canvas & pins at dark set Main try sail on a stay from gary mast to Night Heads Tack uppermost through the night plenty thunder & light ning. set 3 lights latter part Rugged sea vessel rolling Buell took the coal out fore peak threw it over board to get a chance to stop a gary mast got fore boom ready to put in for fore mast Cleared away some of the head gear &c

Lat 31-00 North

Saturday August 20th

Long 51-47 West

Commenced rough sea hazy weather at 3 P.M. more moderate put fore boom in for fore mast made rig out of cutting guys got through setting up at 8 P.M. to steerage way on the vessel wind South By West moderate mist & latter part light breezes from South some sea put a piece fore mast along side fore boom below decks lashed Sampson post above decks sent up fore gaff for top mast for ward

Lat 31-08 North

Long 51-47 West

Sunday August 21st

light breezes from S ship heading E to E S E set Flying jib & Boat sails and were round to S.W by W and had steerage way at dark through night steering S.W by W wind S E & working round to Eastward at daylight commenced work on mast rig on & sails pumped ship &c

Lat 30-49 North

Long 52-07 West

Monday August 22nd

Good weather light breeze from Eastward Course West By South with all the Boat sails & try sails Working on Rig on & sails at 9 P.M. saw a light to the N.W. and followed it all Night it proved to be Schooner Mary E Simmons of New Bedford we boarded her & Captain Mandy came on Board with us. at 10 A.M. saw whales from the Simmons & Capt. left to go for them

Schooner Hattie & Smith of Edgartown
 We saw the Whales from our vessel, they tried the
 Whales but did not get fast. We steered about NW
 and set Boat sails, again we got one old flying
 gible from the Simmons but no spars

Lat 31-23 North

Tuesday August 23^d

Long 58-29 West

light breezes from ESE & good weather Course NW by W
 all the Boat sails and Fore Try sail set. Cut off Main
 Try sail & made a gaff for it & set it again Schooner
 H. & Simmons gave up the Whales and run off and
 spoke us about 8 P.M. hauled to the North &
 went out of sight about 10 P.M. Course
 NW by W $\frac{1}{2}$ W with all the sails we could
 set which makes our once pretty little Schooner
 look bad. We have 2 Mainsails & one gible beaft
 the wheel latter part Wind and weather much
 the same. Cut off head. Fore Try sail made a gaff
 to spread the sail

Lat 32-00 North

Long 55-10 West

Wednesday August 24th

light breezes and good weather from ESE
 Course WNW to W by N. Set up Fore & Main Rizen
 latter part Wind very light sent down main
 Rizen & fitted masts put reef in Try sail &
 at 11-30 saw a sail to Westward

Lat 32-16 North

Thursday August 25th

Long 57-59 West

light breeze from SE fine weather Course
 West-Bound toward Bermuda with all sail
 we can make set up main Rizen set main Try
 sail at 2 P.M. passed a Barkin turn steering to ENE
 mid & latter part Wind and weather about same
 Course the same employed making a new sail
 trimming sails &c

Lat 32-08 North

Long 58-13 West

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Friday August 26th

light breeze from N.E. at 9 P.M. wind South pleasant -
Weather Course West all sail that we can set at present
Set our new sail between Fore & Main Spring stay sail
made of Boat sail cloth or Drilling dried the pieces
of old sails &c. Set up Fore & Main topmast Back stay
latter part wind & weather much the same Course same
Broke out Water & provisions We lost 2 pumps, Funnel
and a lot of Spades, Cutting Stove gear, Gaffs Pikes
&c with Stern keel lost cork Reef 2 yunk corks
some things belonging to Galley & Came very near
loosing Galley Carried it aft to Trunk, tripped
Water but Breed cork &c.

Lat 31=57 North

Saturday August 27th

Long 69=21 West

light variable breeze N. to E.S.E. good weather
Course West all sail very warm weather
Mid and latter part winds light from E Course
W all sail. Stowed Casks pieces Spars Rizen
iron work & such loose stuff we had about decks
to repair with hung up Main sail & Fore sail to
dry dark looking clouds to the North some hazy

Lat 32=00 North

Sunday August 28th

Long 60=10 West

light breeze from East wind cloudy to the N.E.
Course West all sail set that will draw to advantage
got Main sail & Fore sail dry and stowed them in
after hold got all snug & Battered Hatches
Pumped Ship lightning through the night to N.E.
latter part light air E.N.E. to E.S.E. some clouds but
good weather

Lat 32=00 North

Long 61=14 West

Monday August 29th

light breezes E.N.E. to E.S.E. some cloudy, Course
West all sail latter part night began to breeze up
from E.N.E. at 10 A.M. fresh breeze noon strong
breeze took in Forward Jaws it Foot gone
or staple that held the foot

Lat 31=57 North

Long 62=50 West

Schooner Hattie E Smith Edgartown
Tuesday August 30th

Commenced with strong breezes from ENE
Some Flying Clouds took in 2 Boat sails
let the other stand with 2 Try sails & jib set
5 PM Calked put on tarpaulin Bared down
the Hatches Coarse WNW shipped some water
Made all snug as possible at mid night wind
changed to NE blowing fresh gale at 11 Saw
a Bri standing to the South at 4 AM saw the
light on Bermuda at day light saw the
Light House at 7 the light house bore WSW
about 12 miles off saw the Land fresh gale and
rough sea ship ping lots of water fore & aft
Cours NW by N Try sails & jib set at 10 AM No
land in sight strong gale & rough sea
Lat 32=50 North

Wednesday August 31st

Long 65=42 West

Strong gale from NE rough sea. Some cloudy
Our Longitude is about 40 miles to the West of ship
By Chronometer, Course NW by N Try sails & jib set
Ship considerable water, decks leak badly Dump often
Letter Port more moderate wind about
NE by N smoother sea made a Mast & put it
up fore and the House set Boat sail on it. We
have got 3 Boat sails Fore & Main Try sails &
Fore stay sail and jib set 5 Masted Schooner
We have carried away all the Booms to Boat sails
& fished them agains Noon quite moderate

Lat 34=36 North

Thursday September 1st Long 67=39 West

Moderate breezes from NE by N some flying clouds
Course NW all sail out Put some chocks around the
Fore mast set up Fore & jib stays trimming sails &c
Antone Lombie was on duty to day has been
off duty about 2 months Sick Mid & latter part
this day light breeze from NE to N steering
by the wind to NW by W Riggel a Boat jib
Fore flying jib Cleared Pots Irons Lances &
Spades &c

Lat 35=19 North

Long 69=24 West

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Friday September 2nd

Commences with light breeze from N & backing round to Westward at 8 P.M. W by N tacked to N.N.W all sail good weather smooth sea set up jib & stay mid part wind light latter part same from W.N.W. cleaning tools &c. all sail out

Lat 35=56 North

Saturday September 3rd Long 69=59 North

light airs from W.N.W at one P.M. wind hauled to W by S Course N.W. by N all sails out 9 in number at dark nice breeze saw lightning to the North from 9 P.M. to 2 A.M. Very sharp lightning and heavy thunder with some rain. Wind about W.N.W took in some of our light sails latter part more moderate saw one sail at 9 A.M. wind N.W at noon N.N.W Schooner heading N.E. judged our selves on South Edge of the Stream

Lat 37=08 North

Sunday September 4th

Long 70=15 West

light breezes from N.N.W to N.W smoky weather Course to N.E. all sail out smooth sea gulf weather saw some pieces drift wood Brok out fresh water cleaned tools &c. mid part same latter part light airs N.N.W at 8 A.M. saw a Bark to S.W.

Lat 37=48 North

Monday September 5th

Long 68=09 West

light breeze from N.N.W to N wore ship at one P.M. to Westward at dark steering N.W. by W Bark to S.E. steering Eastward Cloudy weather. Strong Current Eastward mid part same latter part very light breezes from N.N.W to N.E. at 8 A.M. saw a steamer to S.W. steering to Eastward & by our east most of the time some swell from N.E. trimming sails &c. wash day

Lat 38=27 North

Long 69=09 West

Hebecker Hattie & Smith of Edgartown

Tuesday September 6th

Commences with light air from Northward & Calms some swell from Eastward at Sun down saw a sail to the North West & latter part light variable air & Calms pleasant weather saw a school Porpoises broke out Water & Provisions were ship to N.N.W

Lat 38-12 North

Wednesday September 7th

Lat 38-30 West

Light air from Westward Cloudy weather Course N.N.W which is as near as we can go & keep our little sails full. Wind & tide against us to Bad. Mid and latter part Wind weather & Course about the same heavy dew & smoky. Saw one sail to East marked ship & in Gulf Stream yet

Lat 38-54 North

Thursday September 8th

Long 69-18 West

Light breezes from Westward & smooth sea smoky weather Course to the N.N.W all sail out finished washing ship. at 8 P.M. passed a Bark steering Eastward latter part light breezes from N.N.W to N at 8 A.M. toward the Boat & pulled along side Bark J. L. Pendagast of Quebec from New York Bound to Cape Town C. G. H. got his longitude 69° 03' West some papers at 2 locked to W.N.W at noon Wind N.E. Course N.W. By N all sail out

Lat 39-36 North

Long 69-41 West

Friday September 9th

fresh breeze from N.E. Course N.W. By N all sail saw 6 vessels 4 steering to S.E. 2 steering Westward at 2 A.M. Course N.W. 1/2 N to N.N.W at daylight North the Gulf Wind hauling to Southward saw 3 Steamers at 10 A.M. Steam ship Elbe run off & cheered us she was bound to the W.N.W. had plenty passengers two Steamers was bound Eastward saw a Schooner to the South & Bark in stern steering to S.E.

Lat 40-59 North

Long 71-06 West

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Saturday September 10th

Commenced with light airs from S'S'W Steered
N W 1/2 W all sail out at one P.M. Sounded in 28
fathoms Water at 4 P.M. Brought Chains to the Anchor
over hauled 6 fathoms Reelings at 6 Cloudy weather
then some Smoky to Westward saw Rock & River
weed, passed a Barrel & Tub on the water at 9 P.M.
thick Fog through the Night & latter part thick Fog
light & calm and Calms saw some sea weed
Sounded every half hour 17 to 18 fathoms Water
Sandy & gravel Bottom

No Observations

Sunday September 11th

Commenced with light breeze from E to S E
thick weather light Rain Steered N W by N to
W N W deepened the Water to 25 fathoms at 2 P.M.
Winds E N E Steered N W by N to N at 4 P.M. got 7 fathoms
at 4-15 got 12 fathoms Steering N by W. hauled the Lead
Every five minutes from this time to 5-30 P.M. then we
heard the Horn a head and at 6 P.M. saw the
light house on what we call Point Judith
Blast of Horn about 6 seconds intervals about one
minute tacked ship to S E Fresh breeze E N E thick
Weather Sounded in 6 fathoms Water took in our Boat
Sails at 7 saw the light Flash light 14 or 15 seconds
intervals at 9-30 P.M. heard the Horn & what we call
a Steam Boat horn through. Night thick weather
Stood off & on to Point Judith Caught sight
the light when we stood in shore at day light
Stood in toward the Point & commenced to
Work up towards Beaver tail, Steamer Dandson
run off & spoke saw several Steamers, Plenty
Schooners 2 Barges at 2 P.M. Sailed account Boat
Bretons Reef Light Ship Shaped Course & Steered
E S E for Vineyard Sound at 3-30 P.M. Any New Cutter
Dexter came to assist & took us in tow for New
Bedford Arrived here about 7 P.M. Officer
came on Board from the Cutter Captain
Nickerson & Boat crew went on shore

Lead Consumed

1881	June	9 th	Cork	No cage	140
	July	16 th	Cork	Gaging	145
	August	6	Cork	"	130
		26	Cork	"	145

Flour Consumed

1881

June 9th Bbl 1

23 Bbl 1

July 8 Bbl 1

26 Bbl 1

August 15 = 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ bbls Cork 4

Deer Consumed or Broached

1881

June 7th Harnes Cask

23. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ Blb Cask

Augst 9. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ Blb Cask

